

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for monitoring telecommunications usage, comprising:
 - providing a virtual telephone number in a service-providing network;
 - associating a telephony device with said virtual telephone number;
 - receiving a call directed to said virtual telephone number;
 - routing said call to a native transport network in communication with said telephony device;
 - monitoring a duration of said call.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said associating said telephony device with said virtual telephone number comprises storing said virtual telephone number in a database in said wireline service-providing network.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein said associating said telephony device with said virtual telephone number comprises storing said virtual telephone number in a memory device of said telephony device.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein said telephony device is a telephony device selected from the group consisting of a wireline telephony device, a wireless telephony device, and a packet-based telephony device.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein said service-providing network is a network selected from the group consisting of a wireline network, a wireless network, and a packet-switching network.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein:
 - said telephony device comprises an identifier; and

said associating said telephony device with said virtual telephone number comprises storing said identifier and said first directory number in a database.

7. The method of claim 7, wherein said database comprises a subscriber profile.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein said native transport network is a network selected from the group consisting of a wireline network, a wireless network, and a packet-switching network.
9. The method of claim 1, further comprising billing a telecommunications provider of said native transport network for said monitoring.
10. The method of claim 1, further comprising billing a subscriber based on said duration of said call.
11. A system for providing a service to a wireless device, comprising:
 - a telephony device;
 - a native transport network in communication with said telephony device;
 - a service-providing network in communication with said native transport network;
 - a telephone number associated with said service-providing network and with said telephony device;
 - a first element in said service-providing network, wherein said first element is operable for monitoring a duration of a call directed to said telephony device.
12. The system of claim 11, wherein said telephony device is a telephony device selected from the group consisting of a wireline telephony device, a wireless telephony device, and a packet-based telephony device.

13. The system of claim 11, wherein said telephony device comprises a memory device, and wherein said virtual telephone number is stored in said memory device.
14. The system of claim 11, further comprising:
 - an identifier of said telephony device; and
 - a database for storing said identifier and said first directory number.
15. The system of claim 17, wherein said database comprises a profile.
16. The system of claim 11, wherein said service-providing network comprises an Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN).
17. The system of claim 11, wherein said service-providing network comprises a packet-switching network.
18. The system of claim 11, wherein said first element comprises a service control point (SCP).
19. The system of claim 11, wherein said first element comprises a media gateway controller.